GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:55
ANSWERED ON:28.02.2008
REHABILITATION OF THE OUSTEES
Pal Shri Rupchand

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Railways for the rehabilitation of the oustees due to Railways` development programmes;

(b) whether the Railways have provided support and help for the evicted/affected persons who have formed cooperatives for their rehabilitation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS(SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a)to(c): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.55 BY SHRI RUPCHAND PAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 28.02.2008 REGARDING REHABILITATION OF THE OUSTEES.

(a):
(i) All out efforts are made to minimize the involuntary displacements for Railway development projects.

(ii) Wherever land is acquired, Railway ensures that payment of compensation is made to State Government for further disbursal to Project Affected Persons (PAPs) under the applicable provisions of the Land Acquisition Act.

(iii) Measures to comply with the provisions of National Policy on Resettlement and Rehabilitation are taken.

(iv) In respect of projects funded by International Funding Agencies like World Bank, Asian Development Bank (ADB), compensation is paid as per the terms and conditions including Resettlement and Rehabilitation as laid down in the loan agreement, while in no way infringing the extant provisions of Land Acquisition Act or National Policy on Resettlement and Rehabilitation for the benefit of the displaced persons.

(b)&(c): In terms of Memorandum of Understanding between Ministry of Railways and Government of Maharashtra in respect of Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP), only in respect of MUTP Phase-I, which is being implemented by Mumbai Rail Vikas Corporation (MRVC), in Mumbai Metropolitan Regional Development Area (MMRDA), land/tenement rights have been accorded to cooperatives formed by the displaced persons through Government of Maharashtra under Government of Maharastra's policy for Resettlement and Rehabilitation of persons.About 15,000 project-affected households under MUTP Phase-1 have been resettled and rehabilitated.Liability of Ministry of Railways is to bear share of cost as per the Memorandum of Understanding.